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# REGATTA 2000

August 9 - 13



*Astoria Regatta Association*  
*106th Year*







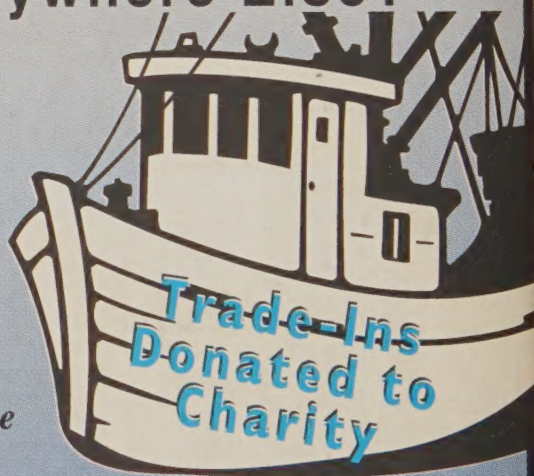
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## Welcome to the Astoria Regatta 2000!

On behalf of the Astoria Regatta Association members, I would like to extend a sincere welcome to you. Please come and celebrate with us the first Regatta of the new millennium. Our theme this year, "Music of the River," was chosen to recognize the richness of talent Astoria has to offer. We also want to celebrate the historical past and the influence the mighty Columbia River has had on our culture and city.

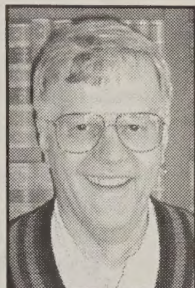
We invite you to personally experience the Regatta and its many activities. This 106th Regatta is a unique historical event representing the oldest festival in the Western United States and Canada.

Our Board of Directors has again planned a fabulous five days of events to make your visit to Astoria a memorable one. If there is anything we can do to make your stay more pleasant, please do not hesitate to contact any of us.

I wish to personally thank each and every one of you for your overwhelming support of the Regatta this year. It is wonderful to see so many returning Astorians, Regatta friends and first-time guests, and we look forward to having everyone join us to celebrate the Regatta.

We wish all of our guests a most enjoyable stay filled with great memories and friendships! To the citizens of Astoria, I hope your Regatta days will be enjoyable. Please join all of us in wearing dark blue and khaki and show your support for the oldest festival in Western North America.

Let's celebrate Astoria Regatta 2000 together. It will be great fun!



Michael Foster

Michael W. Foster, president  
Astoria Regatta 2000

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### Buy a Regatta button, win cool prizes

The tradition of the Regatta button continues into the new century, with a twist. Historically, the buttons were admission into events. The Regatta 2000 is spread throughout downtown Astoria this year, making an admissions gate impossible. So, the Astoria Regatta Association found a way to keep the buttons: raffle prizes.

"At every regular event you wear a button you have a chance to win a prize," Regatta President Michael Foster said. "The biggest trip is anywhere Continental Airlines flies in the United States."

The buttons cost \$4 and may be purchased before and during the festival at the Astoria-Warrenton Area Chamber of Commerce, 111 W. Marine Drive, or at banks and stores in downtown Astoria.

"The button allows you the chance to really support the Regatta," Foster said. "This is how we fund the Regatta each year. Without it, we have no funds to do the fun stuff."

*Char Lewis, a resident of Svensen since 1992, designed the Regatta 2000 Music on the River logo. She is a substitute art teacher for local schools.*

**On the cover:** The USS Curts will be open for tours during the 106th Regatta Festival. The Daily Astorian's Kay Makela designed the cover.



## Who makes Regatta special? We do!

*"We want people to wear khaki skirts, shorts, slacks or bermudas and dark navy polo shirts so we can show the fact that there's great support for the Regatta."*

— Regatta President Michael Foster

**A**t 106, the Regatta water sports carnival held each August is the oldest festival in the Northwest.

Its association is considered the oldest in the Northwest Festivals Association (whose members include the Portland Rose Festival and Seattle's SeaFair).

The first Regatta in 1894 celebrated the end of a good fishing season on the Columbia River and evolved into a five-day extravaganza of sailboat racing, gillnet boat racing and other water events.

"You do a festival because you're proud of your community," Regatta President Michael Foster said. "You want it to be good and show the best of Astoria."

In its heyday, the Regatta was one of the most talked about racing competitions on the West Coast and it played host to the 1934 Pacific Coast outboard hydroplane and run-

about championships. People talked Regatta for weeks before and after. It was a who's who event.

### Keep the Regatta spirit alive and well by attending events all week

The Regatta Festival continues to grow and change this year. Especially important is attendance and participation, says Foster. "The Regatta is for the community, for everyone."

The festivities will be downtown between Sixth and 18th streets instead of at the Port of Astoria (with the exception of the USS Curts and USCG cutter Cowslip tours), "so more people can participate downtown," Foster said.

Concerts are planned in the Liberty Theatre. The city merchants, who have pointed out past Regatta festivals at the port didn't bring enough people into the downtown core, will benefit.

Another Regatta change is there will be no food vendors this year. Each restaurant downtown will put out tables and all merchants cater, Foster said.



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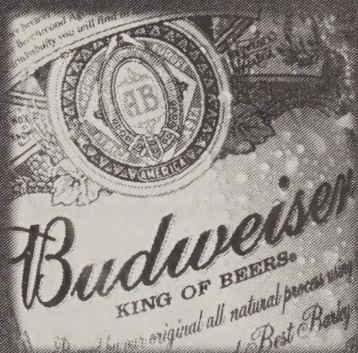


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As the saying goes, all good things must come to an end. This past year has been an unforgettable experience filled with many memories. It has been my honor to represent this community as the 1999 Astoria Regatta Queen.

As I prepare for my freshman year at George Fox University, I look back on this past year and realize how fortunate I have been. I will be leaving home with so many great memories, not only of my friends and family, but of my community as well – and all of the wonderful people I have met during my reign.

There have been so many people who have supported me, and I am so grateful for all the time and energy all the Regatta members have put into making sure the court is well organized and the festival runs smoothly.

During my time as queen, I have been able to travel all over the Oregon and Washington coasts representing the town of Astoria in numerous parades as well as speaking as an ambassador for the community at various local service meetings. These experiences have helped me prepare for the real world in that I now have the ability to comfortably deliver a speech and to be an ambassador for my community and for a great organization.

As my reign is coming to an end, I go with bitter-

sweet feelings. Although I know it is time to move on, I am sad to see an end to such an incredible experience.

It is my wish that the Regatta Festival will continue for many more years, and that each year the girls who are chosen to represent their community on the Regatta court will have a positive experience like mine.

Thank you to all of my family and friends, again, as well as my Regatta family. Without you, none of this would have been possible.

Good luck to this year's princesses. I have thoroughly enjoyed getting to know you girls, and I wish you the best!

*Queen Jessica Nelson*

*Nelson, 18, is the daughter of John and Debbie Nelson of Cannon Beach.*



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# Royalty on the river: The 2000 Regatta Court



## Princess Meghan Standridge

Meghan Standridge is the 2000 Astoria Regatta Princess representing Seaside High School.

She is the daughter of Leon and Michelle Standridge and Diane Standridge.



Meghan Standridge  
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She plans to attend the University of Oregon or Portland State University and double major in economics and political science.

An honor roll student, Meghan's school activities include swimming, school literary magazine and flutist with the symphonic and pep bands and band council.

Her other community activities include Clatsop County Peer Court and Key Club.

Meghan has learned self-confidence, patience and speaking skills while promoting Regatta 2000.

"I'm an idealist," Meghan says. "With Clatsop County separated by school districts, city limits and personal politics, residents have few occasions to come together in a cooperative celebration. Regatta's annual festivities are one of the few times each year people remember their neighbors don't necessarily live next door."

## Princess Natasha Humphreys

Natasha Humphreys is the 2000 Astoria Regatta Princess representing Knappa High School.

Natasha is the daughter of Hiram Humphreys and Kerry and David Strickland. She has three brothers.

She plans to attend the University of Oregon and major in prelaw.

Natasha has been involved with various school activities, including varsity softball, FFA and Business Leaders of Tomorrow.

Her other community activities include 4-H, youth group and children's church.

"I am now aware of what Regatta is and what it stands for and I am



Natasha Humphreys  
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proud to say that I am a 2000 Regatta princess and that I am representing our community as well as Knappa High School.

"Throughout the past few months with Regatta I have gained so many different skills I will continue to use in my future. I have gained a tremendous amount of confidence."

## Princess Sara Fisher

Sara Fisher is the 2000 Astoria Regatta Princess representing Jewell High School.

Sara is the daughter of Jan Hughes of Astoria and Bob Fisher of Knappa. She is the granddaughter of Lois Foster of Astoria. She has three sisters and a brother-in-law.

She plans to attend a two-year community college and transfer to a four-year university and major in public relations or business.

An honor-roll student, Sara has been involved with various school activities, including National Honor Society, student council, junior cheerleading captain and volleyball.

Her other community activities include tutoring, helping with the Nehalem Valley Scholarship fundraiser and church youth group.

Sara has learned that patience, responsibility and public speaking while promoting the 2000 Regatta.

"To me Regatta is a chance for the community to get together and learn about the culture and lifestyles of Astoria. Regatta has given me the chance to meet new people and experience new things."



Sara Fisher  
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## Princess Vanessa Marshall

Vanessa Marshall is the 2000 Astoria Regatta Princess representing Astoria High School.

Vanessa is the daughter of Dan Marshall and Cathy Nikkila, both of Astoria. She is the granddaughter of Lloyd Nikkila of Astoria. She has four brothers and two sisters.

She plans to attend Lake Superior State University in Michigan, major in English education and study abroad in Italy and Spain.

Her school activities include track team and German club executive committee.

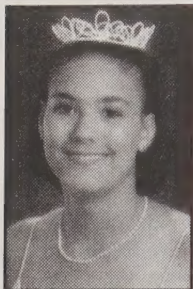
Her community activities include church

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youth group, including a visit to Mexico on a missions trip. Vanessa was a volunteer docent at the Flavel House and works at Papa Murphy's.



Vanessa Marshall  
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Vanessa has learned tolerance for others, to appreciate traveling and better public speaking while promoting the 2000 Regatta.

"Regatta means I have had a chance to travel, trust people and build self-confidence. I now have five new friends - we have sleepovers and can confide and enjoy each other. We build each other up for every public appearance."

### Princess Wendy Bue

Wendy R. Bue is the 2000 Astoria Regatta Princess representing Warrenton High School.

Wendy is the daughter of Jim and Stacey Bue of Astoria and Marianne and Scott Larkin of Astoria. She is the granddaughter of Ken Bue of Astoria.

She has three brothers and two sisters.

She plans to attend a four-year college and major in elementary education.

Wendy has been involved with various school activities, including junior class president, JV basketball, teen leader for Students Today Aren't Ready for Sex (STARS), and a six-week program at the University of Alaska Fairbanks, where she took math, science and English.

Her other community activities include American Red Cross volunteer, Young Life, member of the Summit Committee and Warrenton Christian Church.

Wendy has learned to appreciate the amount of planning, patience and organization it takes when attending parades, and speeches while promoting Regatta 2000.

"Being a part of the Regatta court has brightened the experiences and memories of the Regatta Festival that I will always carry with me."



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## 2000 Queen's Coronation

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The Regatta Coronation begins the festival's week-long celebration. The coronation will be at 7 p.m. Aug. 9, at the Clatsop Community College Performing Arts Center, 16th Street and Franklin Avenue.

The Astoria Regatta Association welcomes guests Angela Brink, Miss Oregon, Kerry Stevenson, Miss Clatsop County and Emily Matlock, Miss North Coast.

The Regatta Court has worked hard the past few months and is looking forward to coronation night. The princesses' speeches will coincide with this year's Regatta theme, "Music of the River."

The princesses have three categories (and chances) to catch the judges' eyes: the personal interview, speech and stage question. The princesses' have given their speeches to numerous organizations and clubs in the area, and have participated in countless parades in Oregon and Washington.

### Regatta fun fact:

In 1905, the role of the Regatta Queen was changed slightly. Instead of being a monarch who ruled in the usual robes, the queen took the role of Sacajawea. The attire went back to royal robes the next year.



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Marthana Gosselin was the first Regatta Queen of the fourth festival in 1897. The first three Regattas did not have a queen.

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The 2000 Regatta Court from left to right: Princess Sara Fisher (Jewell High School); Princess Natasha Humphreys (Knappa High School); Princess Wendy Bue (Warrenton High School); Princess Meghan Standridge (Seaside High School); and Princess Vanessa Marshall (Astoria High School).

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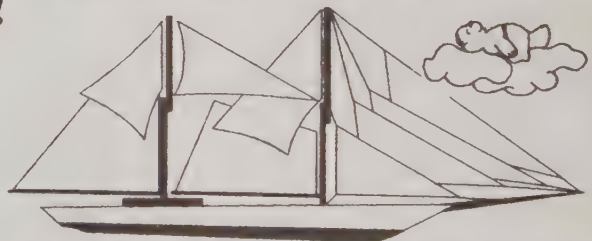
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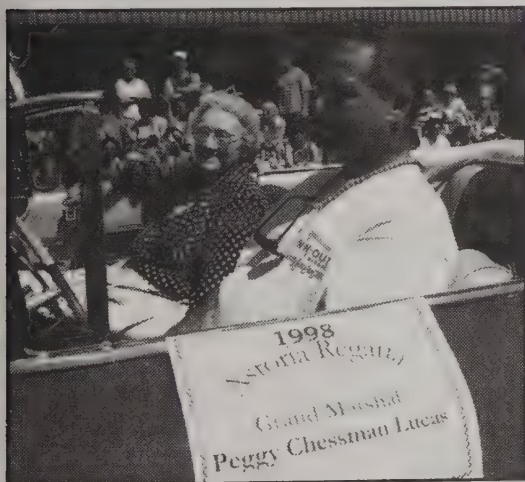
**T**he Astoria Regatta 2000 float is a masterpiece. Regatta member volunteers put in 175 hours to construct and decorate it.

The float is decorated in cobalt blue with metallic blue and silver festooning and fringe. Twinkle lights illuminate it. Following this year's theme, "Music of the River," the Regatta Queen is seated in a gold water chariot pulled by four illuminated gold and white sea horses as they skim across the Columbia River to the 106th Astoria Regatta celebration on the waterfront. Music surrounds the chariot ... "Music of the River."

Riding the Astoria Regatta 2000 float in white and gold Grecian gowns is the Regatta Court - 1999 Queen Jessica Nelson and princesses Sara Fisher, Natasha Humphreys, Vanessa Marshall, Meghan Standridge and Wendy Bue. The princesses represent the area's five high schools.

Astoria Regatta members walk beside the float. This year's float drivers are Troy Basel and Dick Garner. Astoria Ford and J. Browning Logging loaned trucks to pull the float.

The float is a self-propelled unit that is 30-feet long and 10 1/2-feet high and 13-feet wide. Chuck Godwin constructed the float, which was made entirely new out of last year's float body.



George Potter photo

**Peggy Chessman Lucas waves during a Grand Land Parade.**



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A guided missile frigate joins this year's Regatta Festival celebration. A Navy ship of this size has not been at the celebration for 12 years, Regatta organizer Marlene Mestrich said.

The USS Curts is scheduled to arrive Tuesday, Aug. 8, to the Port of Astoria, and will be open for tours throughout Astoria Regatta 2000, which runs Aug. 9-13 along the city's waterfront. The tours are free.

The USS Curts originally was designed to protect open ocean convoys and, after upgrades, now is capable of battle operations.

The ship was commissioned in October 1983 and named for the late Admiral Maurice E. Curts, former commander in chief of the U.S. Pacific fleet during World War II. Curts' commander is John W. Riley III.

Among the Curts' missions is Operation Desert Shield, where the frigate was involved in intercepting merchant ships to ensure compliance with the United Nations' sanctions on goods being shipped to Iraq.

En route to the Persian Gulf, the Curts

rescued 50 Vietnamese refugees from a disabled fishing vessel, who had been adrift for 10 days.

In January 1991, the ship and its helicopters captured an Iraqi garrison on Qaruh Island in the Northern Arabian Gulf, taking the island and 51 Iraqi prisoners. That same day it destroyed two mines, sank an Iraqi minelayer and seized a wealth of intelligence materials.




Curts  
Commander John  
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**7 p.m.** . . . . .Queen's Coronation, Performing Arts Center, 16th Street and Franklin Avenue; reception follows in the Grace Episcopal Church Parish Hall, 1545 Franklin Ave.

**Thursday, Aug. 10**

**8 a.m. to 11 a.m.** . . . . .USS Curts tours, free, face of Pier 1  
**Noon** . . . . .Regatta Luncheon, Red Lion Inn, 400 Industry Ave.  
**10 a.m.** . . . . .USCG Cowslip arrives at the Port of Astoria port docks  
**1 p.m. to 4 p.m.** . . . . .Free USS Curts tours, USCG Cowslip tours, face of Pier 1  
**6 p.m.** . . . . .Kiwanis Junior Regatta Parade, downtown Astoria; meet beforehand at the U.S. Bank parking lot, 987 Duane St. Anyone can participate (costumes and decorations encouraged) by walking, riding bikes, pulling wagons etc. This is a nonmotorized event. Treats afterward for the children.  
**7:30 p.m.** . . . . .Regatta Concert, Liberty Theater; entertainment by the Brownsmead Flats, Jennifer Goodenberger, North Coast Chorale and Chris Holmstedt; tickets at the door -- \$15 for adults and \$5 for students  
**10 p.m.** . . . . .Coast Guard Night Flare Demonstration, Columbia River Maritime Museum dock, foot of 17th Street

**Friday, Aug. 11**

**8 a.m. to 11 a.m.** . . . . .Free USS Curts tours, USCG Cowslip tours, face of Pier 1  
**11 a.m.** . . . . .Rose Planting Ceremony at the Flavel House, Royal Rosarians event, free, Eighth and Duane streets  
**Noon** . . . . .Hamburger Bar-B-Que, Flavel House lawn, sponsored by NW Natural  
**1 p.m. to 4 p.m.** . . . . .Free USS Curts tours, USCG Cowslip tours, face of Pier 1  
**2 p.m.** . . . . .Columbia River Memorial Ceremony, under the Astoria Bridge at the Maritime Memorial Wall  
**5 p.m.** . . . . .Admiral's Reception (by invitation)  
**7:30 p.m.** . . . . ."Shanghaied in Astoria," a community musical melodrama, Astor Street Opry Company, 279. W. Marine Drive, 325-6104. Shows at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Friday, Saturday  
**9 p.m. to 1 a.m.** . . . . .Pirate's Den, Pier 11 Restaurant, foot of 10th and 11th streets

**Saturday, Aug. 12 (15 Hours of Fun!)**

**7 a.m. to 10 a.m.** . . . . .Pancake Breakfast, First Presbyterian Church, 11th Street and Harrison Avenue; \$5 adults, \$3 children; tour the historic church (dedicated in 1903) and listen to the organ installed in 1911 and still played Sundays -- tours conducted by longtime members  
**8 a.m. to 11 a.m.** . . . . .Free USS Curts tours, USCG Cowslip tours; face of Pier 1  
**9 a.m.** . . . . .5K Run, starts at Columbia River Maritime Museum, foot of 17th Street, a Columbia Memorial Hospital Foundation event; call 338-7516 or visit [www.columbiamemorial.org](http://www.columbiamemorial.org)  
**9 a.m.** . . . . .Regatta Softball Tournament, Tapiola Park, call Kip Johnson at 338-6515.



# Schedule of Events

- 9 a.m. to dusk ..... Classic Car Display, 10th and Duane streets, a Lower Columbia Classic Car Club event
- 10 a.m. .... 5K Walk, starts at Columbia River Maritime Museum, foot of 17th Street, a Columbia Memorial Hospital Foundation event; call 338-7516 or visit [www.columbiamemorial.org](http://www.columbiamemorial.org)
- Noon ..... Grand Land Parade, downtown Astoria
- 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. .... Free USS Curts tours, USCG Cowslip tours, face of Pier 1
- 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. .... Historic Astoria Homes Tour, a Clatsop County Historical Society event; starts at Heritage Museum, 16th and Exchange streets; admission \$8, tickets available at Heritage Museum
- 2 p.m. .... Astoria Yacht Club Sailboat Races on the Columbia River
- 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. .... Children's Street Painting after the Grand Land Parade, 10th Street by the river; sponsored by Pacific Rim Gallery – paint on the street with tempa, supplies included;
- 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. .... Salmon Barbeque, 12th Street at the dock; sponsored by the Astoria Lions Club
- 5 p.m. .... Coast Guard search and rescue demonstration, Columbia River Maritime Museum dock
- 7 p.m. .... Twilight Boat Parade, along Astoria waterfront
- 8 p.m. .... North Coast Symphony Orchestra Concert with Keith and Genevieve Butenshon; recognition of visiting festival dignitaries, Liberty Theater
- 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. .... Pirate's Den, Pier 11 Restaurant, foot of 10th and 11th streets
- 10 p.m. .... Fireworks over the Columbia River Maritime Museum viewing dock

## Sunday, Aug. 13

- 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. .... Astoria Regatta Softball Tournament, a longtime favorite, Tapiola Park. Call Kip Johnson at 338-6515.
- 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. .... Free USS Curts tours, USCG Cowslip tours; face of Pier 1
- 9 a.m. .... Farewell Breakfast, site TBA
- 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. .... Astoria Public Market at 12th Street
- 11 a.m. .... Astoria Yacht Club Ducky Derby, West End Mooring Basin
- 11:30 a.m. .... Twilight Boat Parade prize awards, Astoria Yacht Club
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## Local attractions to enjoy during Regatta

- 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. .... Columbia River Maritime Museum, 1792 Marine Drive; activities for children from 9:30 to 11 a.m. Wednesday through Saturday of Regatta
- 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. .... Flavel House, Heritage Museum, and Uppertown Firefighters Museum tours (one ticket for all three facilities)
- 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. .... Astoria Column (free)
- 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. .... TIKI Charter boat tours of the Astoria waterfront, West End Mooring Basin, 325-7818
- 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. .... Fort Clatsop National Memorial
- 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. .... Fort Astoria, 15th and Exchange streets (free)
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The Coast Guard cutter Cowslip joins the 2000 Regatta for free tours.

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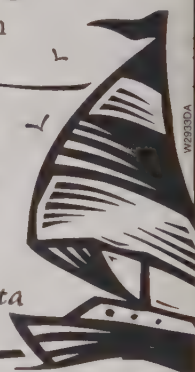
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**T**he Astoria Regatta Association welcomes the U.S. Coast Guard cutter Cowslip to the Port of Astoria for free tours during the festival.

Cowslip tours will be held throughout the day Thursday through Sunday. (See the schedule of events for exact times.)

The Cowslip looks after some 200 buoys along the Pacific Coast from Grays Harbor, Wash., south to the Chetco River near Brookings. Based at Astoria's Tongue Point, the Cowslip services the enormous beacons along the Columbia River as far inland as St. Helens.

The crew of the 180-foot Cowslip tends to

the buoys' solar-powered lanterns, inspecting the chains that connect them to the sinkers, making sure they're in the right place, and plucking each one out of the water every few years to give it a bath and a new coat of paint.

The cutter's biggest test is working near the Columbia River Bar, where rough waters and breaking bars can toss around 5-ton buoys as if they were bowling pins.

The World War II-era vessel is one of four buoy tenders on the West Coast 57 years or older. Its crew took the Buoy Fender Olympics championship in 1998 and 1999 at the West Coast Aids to Navigation Conference in California.



Larry Kellis, USCG Aux.

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Helen Sorkki of Astoria was named Regatta admiral and her son, Mike, admiral's aide by the Astoria Regatta Association.

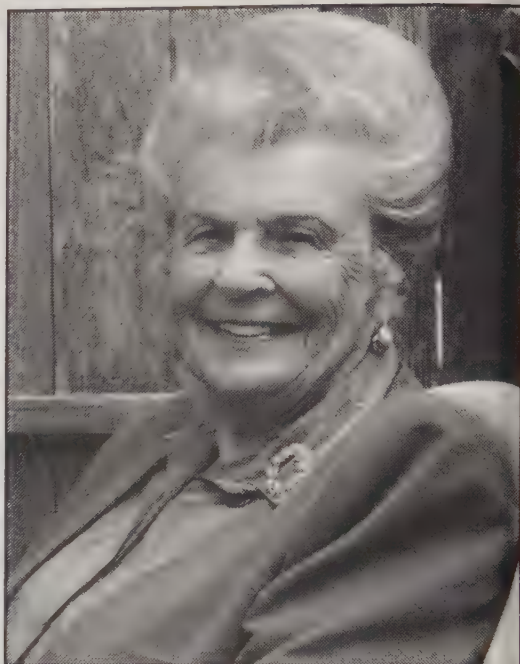
Helen Sorkki was born and raised in Astoria.

She worked for the Astoria School District for nine years then worked as a traffic clerk in the Clatsop County District Court until retirement.

She has been involved in the Regatta Festival for many years and chaperoned the Regatta Court in the past. Helen Sorkki played in the Anchor Club drum corps and marching unit and served as skipper of the Anchor Club and as royal matron of the Order of Amaranth.

She is a member of Peace Lutheran Church, the Order of Eastern Star and the Columbia Memorial Hospital Auxiliary. She enjoys fishing and boating.

Helen Sorkki is the widow of Al Sorkki. In addition to Mike, she has a daughter, Linda Bergstrom of Modesto, Calif.; four grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.



**Helen Sorkki**  
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## Regatta fun fact:

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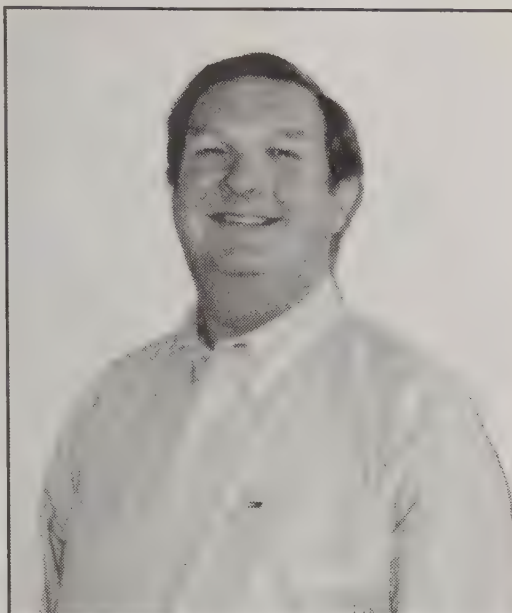
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Mike Sorkki was born in Astoria and now lives in Beaverton. He attended Astoria High School from 1958 to 1962, Clatsop Community College from 1962 to 1964 and Pacific Lutheran University in Tacoma, Wash., from 1964 to 1966. He taught a junior achievement class from 1974 to 1975. He has two children, Nicholas, 19, and Lisa, 17.

He retired March 1 after 22 years at Xpedex in Portland. He then started a second career as one of the owners and founders of a paper distributing company, Supply Source in Portland.



**Mike Sorkki**  
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## Regatta fun fact:

In 1932, the Astoria Regatta was revived.

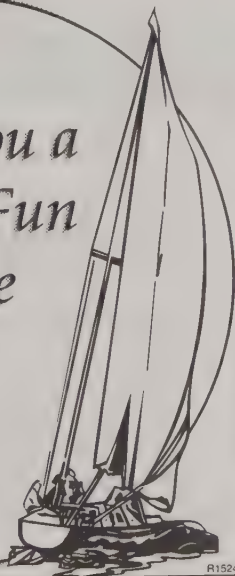
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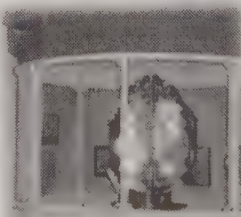


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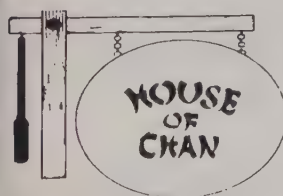
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Astoria is fortunate to have an amazing wealth of historic buildings still in existence and being used by locals today. The Historical Society invites you to explore Astoria's past by participating in this year's Historic Homes Tour.

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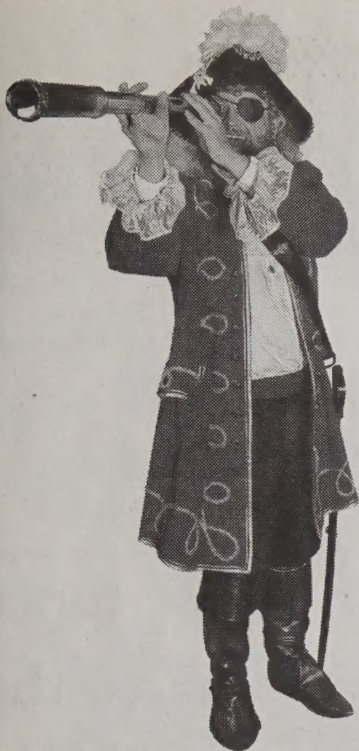
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## **AUGUST 12, 2000**

**9:00am Run      10:00am Walk**

**Start at the Maritime Museum**

**Registration day of event only. Youth & Adults \$1.00**



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